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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, EG, US

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO GDR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES; US-GDR CLAIMS  
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BERLIN 1714

1. GDR HAS GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY TO SEPTEMBER 27 REMOVAL  
OF REFERENCES TO "GERMAN NATION" FROM GDR CONSTITUTION.  
HONECKER'S VOLKSKAMMER SPEECH OF SAME DAY WAS  
BROADCAST ON EVENING NEWS, WITH FULL TEXT OF REVISED  
CONSTITUTION CARRIED IN SEPTEMBER 28 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND.  
IN ADDITION, MINISTER PRESIDENT HORST SINDERMAN RECEIVED  
FOREIGN JOURNALISTS EVENING SEPTEMBER 27 TO EXPLAIN  
SIGNIFICANCE OF REVISIONS. SINDERMAN EMPHASIZED THAT  
CHANGES IN GDR CONSTITUTION NEED NOT PREJUDICE FURTHER  
DEVELOPMENT OF GDR-FRG RELATIONS, SO LONG AS ONE-SIDED  
CONTRAVENTIONS OF FOUR POWER BERLIN AGREEMENT DID NOT  
ARISE.

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2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE SINDERMAN ALSO TOUCHED ON CLAIMS

ISSUE WITH U.S. DENYING PRESS REPORTS OF SECRET AGREEMENT WITH U.S. TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS OR DIRECTLY TO ISRAEL, SINDERMANN SAID ONLY CLAIMS BY U.S. CITIZENS ON GDR AND GDR CITIZENS ON U.S. WOULD BE DISCUSSED ONCE EMBASSIES IN OPERATION. IN NO CASE WOULD GDR GOVERNMENT HAVE CONTACT WITH OR MAKE PAYMENT TO ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS OR STATE OF ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AVAILABLE REPORTS OF PRESS CONFERENCE IMPLY SINDERMANN HAS SOMEHOW CONTRADICTED PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS, IT APPEARS HE WAS CAREFUL NOT TO DISMISS POSSIBILITY OF CONTACTS BETWEEN NON-ZIONIST US ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENT BODIES IN GDR REGARDING CLAIMS ISSUE. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND TRANSCRIPT RECORDING HIS PRECISE REMARKS.KLEIN

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